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Thursday April 23rd 1891

Not having any else to do this morning I commenced cleaning the yard in front of the house I got through at 3:00 P.M. & to my estimation I done a good job. Father & I then started on a prospecting trip & explored the cañon South East of us. When we got down to the Delta we made up our minds to go on down to George Mc Mann's as it was only a half mile. We went down there & luckily found him at home. We got home at sundown I got a few samples for my "Geological collection of every kind of stone".

Friday April 24th 1891

Elmer went over to Capt. Willard's this morning & about the time I thought that he would be back, I shouldered the pick & shovel & started over to Beaver Valley (I & West's place), with the intention of working an hour or two on the Lost Cabin lode No. 1. When I got over there I put off working at the mine until it was some cooler, so I helped Mr West plant potatoes until about 2:30 P.M. We then went up to the mine, I first tried the placer clay that I found & threw away on the 3rd day of April 8th & discovered a new batch in the placer mining of the Black Hills. There was a coat of Verdigrase in the bottom of the pan & indications of lots of gold but the Verdigrase had floated it off. We then went up to our stone prospect & found that the ledge is rich in Galena (silver bearing). I went home in the moonlight.